REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 28 and 29 have been added. Claims 1-29 are pending and under consideration.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103:

Claims 1-3, 17-18, 21-22 and 25-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakajima et al. (U.S. Patent 5,659,791) in view of Khoyi et al. (U.S. Patent 5,421,015), and Wan (U.S. Patent 5,530,795).

The Office Action uses independent claim 17 as an example, thus this claim is discussed herein. This claim recites when the position or size of the window changes, the transparent window changes the position or size to be the same as the window.

Wan is relied upon as teaching this feature. This reference teaches a subject application 6, such as a WINDOWS (Trademark) application. One of the operators on a network 1 may initiate a transparency mode, thereby placing other computers 34 in the transparency mode. Wan, Column 2, lines 53-65. The transparency application then appears to take a snapshot image of the subject application. The snapshot image is then copied into a transparent window 7, which is "moved and resized preferably automatically to cover the application window 6." Wan, Column 2, line 66 to Column 3, line 7. Amendment of the transparent window 7 which contains the snapshot 6 is then permitted.

Thus, Wan does not disclose that as the position/size of the window changes, the size/position of the transparent window changes, as recited in independent claim 17. In contrast, Wan appears to disclose that a single snapshot is taken and moved/resized. However, after this initial snapshot, there is no resizing or repositioning. Thus, the position/size of the transparent window 7 does not change.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Claims 4-12, 16, 19-20 and 23-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakajima in view of Khoyi, and Wan and further in view of Person (Using Windows 3.1, 1993). Claims 13-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakajima in view of Khoyi, Wan and Person as applied to claim 10 above, and further in

view of Microsoft (Microsoft Windows User's Guide, 1992).

The above comments with also apply herein. It is respectfully submitted that Person and Microsoft do not overcome the above deficiencies in Nakajima et al., Khoyi et al. and Wan et al.

NEW CLAIMS

New independent claim 28 recites "changing the position or the size of the transparent window to be the same as the position and size of the window when the position or the size of the window changes" and claim 29 depends therefrom and recites "the changing of the position or the size comprises continuously changing the position or the size when the size of the window changes." It is respectfully submitted that the cited references do not teach or suggest these features.

CONCLUSION:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.
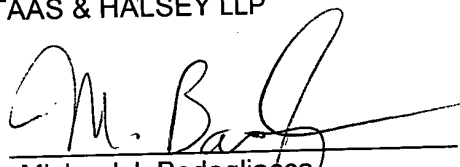
If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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